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SUBJ: AUDIENCE WITH SHAH - PAKISTAN

1. DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AUGUST 28, WE TOUCHED ON
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING PAKISTAN REPROCESSING
PLANT. SHAH FELT FRENCH HAD HANDLED CANCELLATION
WELL AND HOPED PAKISTANIS WOULD ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE.

2. I SAID OUR GREAT CONCERN WAS POSSIBILITY THAT ZIA
OR SOME OTHER PERSONALITY WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO MAKE
PUBLIC STATEMENT AFFIRMING PAKISTAN INTENTION TO ACQUIRE
REPROCESSING CAPABILITY DESPITE FRENCH CANCELLATION.
IF THAT HAPPENED, WE WOULD PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OR MILITARY SALES BECAUSE OF
CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS.

3. SHAH SAID ZIA WOULD VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN
IMMEDIATELY AFTER RAMADAN. WHEN HE CAME TO IRAN,
SHAH WOULD COUNSEL HIM TO ACCEPT FRENCH ACTION AS
DEFINITIVE AND TURN TO RESTORING HIS RELATIONS WITH
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THE U.S. HE WOULD ALSO REPEAT HIS CAUTIONS RE BHUTTO.

4. I THEN MENTIONED INFLUENCE WHICH CHINESE HAD IN
PAKISTAN AND SHAH SAID HE WOULD ENCOURAGE HUA KUO-FENG
TO WEIGH IN ON BOTH THESE SUBJECTS WITH PAKISTANIS.
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